

**State of Maine
Department of Education**

**Gifted and Talented Educational Program
Application for One-Year Waiver
2015-16**

Gifted and Talented Educational Program Waiver Applications are to be submitted electronically to GT.DOE@maine.gov by **September 30, 2015**.

Maine Revised Statutes Title 20-A, Chapter 311, section 8101-A(3) states:

Waivers. Beginning with the 2012-13 school year, a school administrative unit (SAU) that did not operate a gifted and talented program in the 2011-12 school year may apply to the Commissioner for a one-year waiver of this requirement if full implementation of this requirement presents an undue burden. The Commissioner may grant the SAU a waiver upon receipt of an application from the SAU that includes the basis for the waiver request. Financial hardship is one criterion the Commissioner must consider in determining whether to grant a waiver. The Commissioner has the authority to grant a one-year waiver to a SAU and a one-year waiver extension. Any additional request for extensions must be submitted and reviewed on an annual basis.

School administrative unit name:

RSU #74

Name and title of person responsible for gifted and talented program:

Kenneth L. Coville

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CERTIFICATION:

The statements made herein are correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Kenneth L. Coville

Superintendent Name(printed)


Superintendent Signature

Date Waiver Application Submitted to Maine DOE:

12/01/15

Check Reason(s) for Waiver Request:



Financial Hardship



Other



Partial Program Waiver Request



Full Program Waiver Request

Please completely describe the basis for the SAU's one-year waiver request and further describe how the SAU is meeting the needs of the gifted and talented population in your district:

In addition to financial hardship the district also has a non financial resource capacity hardship. As a result of the many initiative mandates from the Maine DOE including the educator effectiveness initiative, the proficiency based diploma requirements initiatives amongst others along with the DOE implementation of the NCLB requirements of state assessment through the Smarter Balance Assessment along with the priority schools process requirements the district simply does not have the human resource capacity to implement another initiative.

The district meets the needs of students in the district by providing them with both curricular and co curricular opportunities to develop their individual gifts and talents. The district makes these opportunities available to all students rather than to a select normative sample.

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RETURN BY EMAIL TO:

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